

REPORT

OF THE

Auditors and Other Officers

OF THE

TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND,

Year Ending February 15, 1904.

AUDITORS

T. B. WHEELER, J. E. WALSH, T. A. MULLANY.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

To the Taxpayers of West Rutland:

There was a total tax assessed upon grand list of 123 per cent. against 125 per cent. the previous year. The debt of the town at the beginning of the year, exclusive of the U. S. Surplus fund, was \$25,000.00 in bonds. There was \$253.27 in the treasury. All running expenses have been paid. There being no bills contracted by the present board that are not paid and in report. We have also paid one of the bonds with premium and interest to date amounting to \$1,026.64. This was the last bond of the series No. 25 due in 1920. There is now cash in treasury \$870.92. The suit brought by the town of Dorset against West Rutland to recover for expense incurred in the Battles small pox case, has been referred to the higher courts. We have built three permanent bridges; finished the one begun by previous board at M. Parker's, that cost \$185.00, the one on Marble street north of depot at a cost of \$195.20, and one east of Long Soo costing \$197.51.

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. C. ROBINSON, }
W. J. FLEMING, } Selectmen.
RODGER DWYER, }

West Rutland, Vt., Feb. 16, 1904.

SELECTMEN'S ORDERS.

General Account.

1903.	No.		
Feb. 21	157	J. R. MacGuire, autopsy body of O. H. Wescott.....	\$ 5 00
21	158	Joel C. Baker, legal services.....	20 00
28	161	D. F. Copps, services as auditor....	5 00
	162	Fred Lanthier, " " " "	5 00
	164	J. R. McHugh, abatement of taxes..	2 40
April 1	1	F. A. Morse, stationery	55
	2	Rodger Dwyer, stationery.....	34
May 5	6	West Rutland Band.....	100 00
21	7	Treas. Post Senott, memorial.....	50 00
26	10	Wm. Watkins, cutting brush.....	2 25
July 8	15	Fred Lanthier, services as auditor...	5 00
Dec. 8	42	Wm. V. Kerrigan, ladders and pails destroyed	18 50
	45	A. P. Lawrence, coffee and sandwiches	1 00
	51	W. E. Barker, teams at fire	15 00
1904.			
Jan. 13	61	C. H. Campbell, hall rent.....	25 00
Feb. 4	62	Edw'd McCormick, Sr., truant officer	10 00
	64	H. H. Brown, rent, town clerk's office	24 00
	65	" stationery and postage..	5 17
	66	L. P. Holt, auditor (1903).....	5 00
	67	" attendance town meeting	2 00
	68	" compiling school statistics	20 00
	69	" making text book.....	15 00
	70	" recording births, deaths and marriages.	16 90
	71	L. P. Holt, recording to date.....	7 15
1904.			
Feb. 4	72	C. B. Ross, reporting births and deaths\$	11 70
	73	J. R. MacGuire, " "	3 90
	74	C. C. Perry, " "	2 85
	75	A. H. Bellerose, " "	60
	76	Daniel Fosburgh, " "	90
	77	C. W. Strobell, " "	15

1904.				
Feb. 4	78	J. Hamilton, " "	15	
	79	C. E. Lapoint, " "	90	
	80	C. L. Hodgkins, " "	15	
	8	85 T. W. Moloney, legal services for 1898	35 00	
	86	" " " Clark case	5 00	
		" " " Dorset "	7 00	
10	87	C. B. Ross, 6 quarantines	6 00	
Oct. 23		W. W. Wilkins, for marble posts for town line.....	5 50	
				\$ 440 06

Printing.

1903.				
Oct. 7	34	E. N. Northrop, printing 600 reports\$	30 45	
		" tax books and notices	11 75	
Nov. 5	38	The Tuttle Co., grand list book.....	1 50	
				\$ 43 70

Listers.

May 26	8	Wm. H. Gallagher, services as lister..	\$ 54 00
	9	W. R. Dwyer, " "	54 00
June 10	14	Whipple Mills, " "	62 33
Sept. 29	29	" supplies for lister.....	6 50
Dec. 15	46	Rodger Dwyer, wood	1 00
			\$ 177 83

Taxes.

June 10	12	J. L. Bacon, state highway tax.....	\$ 839 96
	13	" " school "	1,343 93
			\$ 2,183 89

Sidewalk Account.

1903.				
April 3	4	A. Vondette, plowing sidewalk	\$ 6 00	
July 8	20	Geo. Brine, work on sidewalk	3 75	
	21	Godfrey Brine, "	1 50	
	22	Thos. E. Kelley, "	1 50	
Aug. 5	24	Wm. Watkins, mowing	3 00	
Oct. 16	36	Geo. Brine, work on sidewalk.....	40 00	
Nov. 5	39	Geo. Brine, "	15 00	
Dec. 8	40	" "	75 62	
	15	Vermont Marble Co., slabs and labor.	184 55	
1904.				
Feb. 4	63	Wm. Cameron & Son, repairing snow-plow	2 00	

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICERS,

1904				
Feb. 8	83	Vermont Marble Co., plowing sidewalk.....	2 50	
	84	P. R. Dwyer, plowing sidewalk.....	24 80	
				\$ 360 22
		Bridges.		
1903.				
Feb. 21	159	Fred Rothlis, drawing lumber.....	1 50	
Apr. 30	3	Geo. Brown, building bridge.....	54 50	
May 5	5	Vermont Marble Co., marble and work.....	43 50	
July 8	16	Vermont Marble Co., work on bridge	4 98	
	17	Geo. Brine, " "	11 97	
	18	Godfrey Brine, " "	6 38	
	19	Rodger Dwyer, lumber for bridges...	7 16	
Aug. 1	23	Geo. Brown, building bridge, Marble street.....	66 40	
	25	Wm. Watkins, work on bridge.....	1 00	
Sept. 9	26	Geo. Brine, " "	5 55	
	27	Godfrey Brine, " "	2 25	
	30	Daniel Lee, " "	14 25	
	31	P. R. Dwyer, " "	18 55	
	32	E. E. Pike, " "	23 75	
	33	Michael Clifford " "	8 25	
Nov. 5	37	Mathew Parker, gravel.....	70	
Dec. 8	41	Geo. Brine, work.....	3 80	
	44	F. Chaffee Son's, plank.....	78 44	
	15	48 Clarendon & Pittsford, R. R. Rails..	147 60	
	50	Vermont Marble Co., marble and Labor.....	113 91	
1904.				
Jan. 13	59	Vermont Marble Co., lanterns and oil.....	1 11	
	60	John O'Rourke, work.....	1 50	
				\$ 617 05
		Electric Light.		
1903.				
Dec. 8	43	Vermont Marble Co., lighting street	1,630 73	
1904.				
Feb. 8	82	Vermont Marble Co., lighting street	321 85	
				\$ 1,952 58
		Dog Fund Account.		
Dec. 15	52	Patrick Kenney, sheep killed.....	10 00	

TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND.

1904.	No.			
Dec. 15	53	J. H. Mead, "	10 00	
	54	C. H. Boardman, "	10 00	
	55	Thos. Burke, "	5 00	
	56	Austin Taylor, calf killed.....	8 00	
	57	E. E. Smith, yearling "	12 00	
1904.				
Jan. 13	58	James Quinn, shooting dog.....	1 00	
Feb. 10	95	W. J. Fleming, appraising sheep....	4 80	
	96	Geo. C. Robinson, appraising sheep.	1 20	
	97	Rodger Dwyer, "	6 80	
				\$ 68 80
		License Commissioners.		
		One 1st Class License No. 132 to G. H. Odell.....	\$ 1,000 00	
		One " " " 133 " P. F. O'Neil.....	1,000 00	
		One 2d " " " 125 " "	300 00	
		Commissioner's Expenses.		
Feb. 10	93	J. H. Gaffney, 22 days at \$2 00....	\$ 44 00	
	92	H. C. Bloomer, 22 " " 2 00....	44 00	
	91	John Nolan, 22 " " 2 00....	44 00	
	94	" " rent, light and heat	15 57	
June 1	11	J. L. Bacon, state treas., license fee..	1,150 00	
		Town Liquor Agency.		
Feb. 28	160	Wm. Kerrigan, bottling liquor.....	\$ 6 00	
	28	163 M. J. Francisco & Son, insurance...	12 00	
1903.	No.			
July 29	8	Patrick Rice, digging grave, Simon Groona.....	\$ 4 00	
Aug. 7	12	Joseph Prenevost, goods for J. Lareau	35 00	
Nov. 5	17	Rodger Dwyer, goods.....	27 27	
Nov. 30	18	W. A. Thrall, "	156 00	
Dec. 15	23	Rodger Dwyer, "	8 08	
	24	Vermont Marble Co., goods.....	42 00	
1904.				
Jan. 13	26	C. H. Campbell, burial expenses of Simon Groona.....	20 25	
Feb. 4	27	W. A. Thrall, goods for truant officer Mrs. Hammond.....	3 30	
Feb. 4	27	W. A. Thrall, goods for truant officer for Mrs. Lamarsh.....	1 78	
Feb. 8	35	Rodger Dwyer, goods.....	11 21	
	36	Dr. C. B. Ross, doctoring poor.....	48 00	

1904.	No.		
Feb. 10	38	Joseph Prenevost, goods.....	25 00
	39	Vermont Marble Co., goods.....	12 00
	40	W. A. Thrall, goods.....	36 00
			\$ 429 89

Expenses of Poor at Farm.

Mar. 18	1	Frank Clark, supporting poor.....	\$ 36 00
Apr. 25	2	" " " " " " " " " " " "	36 00
May 5	3	R. Dwyer, repairing chairs.....	50
20	4	Frank Clark, supporting poor April.	36 00
	5	" " dif. on cows.....	14 00
26	6	J. C. Gillispie, work on farm.....	12 50
July 13	7	Mrs. F. Clark, supporting poor June.	40 00
Aug. 14	10	" " " " " " " " " " " "	40 00
Sept. 9	11	" " " " " " " " " " " "	40 00
Oct. 23	13	" " " " " " " " " " " "	36 00
Nov. 5	15	M. J. Francisco & Son, insurance...	20 80
Dec. 8	19	Mrs. Frank Clark, support poor Oct.	40 00
	20	" " " " " " " " " " " "	37 00
15	21	G. W. Pratt & Co., labor and mat'l..	34 77
	22	Rodger Dwyer, goods.....	8 97
1904.			
Jan. 13	25	Mrs. Frank Clark, support poor Dec.	39 00
Feb. 8	34	" " " " " " " " " " " "	44 00
		" " " " " " " " " " " "	12 00
10	37	" " " " " " " " " " " "	36 00
12	41	S. E. Smith, lumber and nails.....	31 37
	42	Auguste Cyr labor.....	8 00
1903.			
Dec. 15	49	Vermont Marble Co., lumber.....	4 72
			\$ 607 63

Persons Receiving Outside Aid.

Dennis Monahan.....	\$ 72 00
John Marooney and wife.....	48 00
Mrs. G. Gates.....	48 00
Mrs. Pat'k McDeavitt.....	96 00
Jerry Lareau and wife.....	60 00
Pat'k Cline.....	21 31
Wm. Woods.....	5 17
Simon Grovna.....	24 25
Mrs. Hammond.....	5 55
Frank Lamarsh.....	1 78

Dan Childs.....	83
\$ 382 89	

Inmates of Town House.

	Age.
Patrick White.....	82
Mrs. Mat Dockery.....	81
James Brown.....	77
Sophia Nelson.....	50
Amy Nelson.....	12
Esther Nelson.....	9
Mrs. Edward Breen.....	58
Mallie Tenney.....	28
Mrs. Mary Ducharme.....	81
Patrick O'Connell.....	87
Mils Frieberg.....	

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT.

Your road commissioner has spent in repairing highways and culverts, during the past year, two thousand four hundred and seventy-five dollars and thirteen cents (\$2,475.13), as follows:

No.		
1	M. S. Raleigh, labor and team work.....	\$ 40 00
2	Oscar Fadden, labor.....	4 50
3	Ed. Gallagher, ".....	1 50
4	Henry Fuller, ".....	1 50
5	Wm. J. O'Rourke, labor and team work.....	15 00
6	F. Chaffee's Sons, plank for culvert.....	7 62
7	M. S. Raleigh, labor and team work.....	50 00
8	John O'Rourke, ".....	14 25
9	John Burke, ".....	30 00
10	Dan Childs, labor.....	9 75
11	Sam Leonard, ".....	20 25
12	Mrs. Jas. Rice, team work.....	10 50
13	Ed Gallagher, labor.....	1 50
14	Daniel Lee, ".....	17 62
15	Austin Taylor, labor and team work.....	11 50

No.		
16	Robert Eleitt, labor.....	12 00
17	Fred Raymond, team work.....	28 00
18	Michael Kennedy, team work.....	31 50
19	M. S. Raleigh, labor and team work.....	60 00
20	Thos. Carmody, labor.....	19 50
21	H. F. Noyse, bridges and sluices.....	40 00
22	Jed Hoadley, labor.....	13 50
23	Austin Taylor, labor.....	2 21
24	Geo. Brown, laying abutment to sluices.....	6 00
25	M. S. Raleigh, labor and team work.....	60 00
26	Henry Brewster, team work.....	10 72
27	Jay Coop, team work.....	35 50
28	M. S. Raleigh, labor and team work.....	50 00
29	Patrick Casey, labor.....	1 50
30	W. A. Waters, pick sharpening machine repair- ing.....	1 25
31	M. S. Raleigh, team work and labor.....	50 00
32	Moran John, labor.....	23 25
33	Edward Thornton, labor.....	4 13
34	Henry Battles, labor.....	15 00
35	Dennis Dwyer, labor.....	11 25
36	Joe. McCormick, labor.....	3 00
37	Frank Burditt, team work.....	21 00
38	Barney Lynch, team work.....	18 00
39	George Brown, laying abutments to culvert.....	2 00
40	Thos. Kelly, labor.....	13 50
41	James Cline, labor.....	4 50
42	James Maylan, labor.....	13 10
43	M. S. Raleigh, labor and team work.....	50 00
44	Wm. Morgan, labor.....	2 25
45	John Raleigh, gravel.....	22 50
46	John Mead, gravel.....	23 20
47	Wm. Gilmore, team work.....	13 13
48	Philip Brennan, labor.....	1 50
49	M. S. Raleigh, labor and team work.....	25 00
50	Ed. Smith, team work and labor.....	44 00
51	James Goodspeed, labor.....	6 00
52	Charles Boardman, team work and labor.....	24 00
53	Patrick Kenney, labor.....	12 75
54	John Wescott, labor.....	8 25
55	H. G. Sheldon, team work.....	26 25
56	Harold Wright, labor.....	4 50
58	H. G. Sheldon, gravel.....	20 65
59	Thos. Carmody, labor.....	12 00

No.		
60	Tip Mills, team work.....	21 00
61	Clarence Leanord, labor.....	1 12
62	Charles Larcene, team work.....	15 12
63	Vermont Marble Co., team work.....	59 50
64	F. A. Morse, team work.....	10 50
65	B. Lynch, team work.....	10 50
66	P. Dwyer, team work.....	21 00
67	W. R. Gilmore, team work.....	6 11
68	Tom Burke.....	35 00
69	Scott Hunter, labor.....	18 75
70	W. A. Thrall, for repairs on road machine.....	11 70
71	G. W. Pratt & Co., for repairs on road machine.....	3 01
72	James Carrol, labor.....	5 25
73	M. S. Raleigh, team work and labor.....	75 00
74	John Handly, labor.....	12 75
75	Michael Clifford, labor.....	9 75
76	Henry Battles, labor.....	12 00
77	John Moran, labor.....	10 50
78	Tom Battles, labor.....	4 32
79	Dennis Dyer, labor.....	6 75
80	John Brisban, labor.....	15 00
81	J. Garen, labor.....	12 75
82	Walter Thrall, labor.....	21 00
83	Ed. Fuller, labor.....	8 25
84	Thos. Burke, gravel.....	3 20
85	Frank Burditt, team work.....	1 75
86	Vt. Marble Co., planks and stone.....	6 67
87	J. Battles, team work and gravel.....	15 50
88	Michael Wallace, labor.....	10 50
89	Charles O'Brien, labor.....	9 75
90	Terence McCauley, labor.....	15 75
91	John O'Rourke, gravel.....	6 00
92	Will Thrall, labor.....	15 75
93	Charles Dunn, team work.....	26 25
94	John Ryan, team work.....	22 75
95	Ed. McGawn, labor.....	12 00
96	M. S. Raleigh, team work and labor.....	50 00
97	Charles Hall, labor.....	3 00
98	Frank McNeil, labor.....	6 00
99	Charles Hall, labor.....	9 75
100	David Corey, labor.....	6 00
101	Charley Corey, labor.....	12 75
102	George Cannon, labor.....	12 75
103	Michael Kerrigan, labor.....	14 25

No.		
104	Martin Harte, labor	14 25
105	Jonn Mead, team work and gravel	26 75
106	P. R. Dwyer, team work	7 00
107	M. S. Raleigh, labor and team work	50 00
108	Frank McNeil, labor	3 00
109	Thomas Dempsy, labor	9 38
110	Bartley Sheridan, labor	4 30
111	Michael Wallace, labor	3 00
112	Michael Clifford, labor	3 00
113	Rutland Florence Marble Co., gravel	3 00
114	M. S. Raleigh, team work and labor	50 00
115	Bartley Sheridan, labor	5 63
116	Geo. Brown, laying abutment to culvert	21 75
117	Robert Eleitt, labor	2 63
118	Wallace Taylor, labor	50
119	James Hackett, labor	4 12
120	Daniel Dougherty, labor	25 37
121	Patrick Colligan, peck sharpening	1 20
122	" labor	4 12
123	John Hanley, labor	4 12
124	John Hamilton, "	9 00
125	James Kenney, "	16 50
126	Jas. McQuaide, "	6 75
127	Thomas Kelly, "	4 50
128	Dennis Dwyer, "	11 25
129	Street Railway Company, ties	1 20
130	M. S. Raleigh, team work labor	100 00
131	John O'Rourke, gravel	4 00
132	Vermont Marble Co., slabs, rails, cement	117 92
133	Charles Campbell, team work	10 50
134	S. E. Smith, cement	7 00
135	Ed. McGowan, labor	75
136	Michael Kerrigan, labor	50
137	John Raleigh, labor and gravel	35 00
138	M. S. Raleigh, labor	25 00
139	Thos. Corey, shoveling snow	2 50
140	Thomas Burke, labor	3 25
141	Ed. Quirk, labor	3 00
142	John Brewster, shoveling snow	1 50
143	Michael Wallace, "	1 50
144	M. S. Raleigh, breaking roads	40 00
145	Wm. Waters, peck sharpening	6 40
146	Thomas Corey, labor	3 00
147	Chas. Gallagher, "	3 00

148	Harry Hall, "	5 25
149	Wm. O'Rourke, "	5 25
150	Thos. Connel, gravel	90
151	John Putnam, labor	75
152	H. Battles, labor	6 00
153	Pat Nolan, labor and team work	1 75
154	M. S. Raleigh, labor and team work	15 00
155	Richard Raleigh, labor	3 75
156	John Larson, "	1 50
157	P. R. Dwyer, "	2 00

\$ 2,475 13

Respectfully submitted,

M. S. RALEIGH.

SCHOOL DIRECTORS' REPORT.

To the Taxpayers of West Rutland:

In connection with the report of our work during the past year, we deem it important to again direct your attention to the congested condition existing in the District No. 21 schools. We doubt if it will be possible to get along another year without hiring extra school room. An addition to the High School building is the only means by which the crowded condition can be substantially relieved and under the circumstances it would be strict business economy for the Town to take immediate action in the matter.

During the year just closed the Board has had an unpleasant duty to perform in filling the vacancy caused by the death of Professor J. E. Leonard, after an unusually long and successful career in the public service.

We decided to promote Miss Anna Cline to the vacant principalship and she is filling the position with marked success. Three new members have been added to the corps of teachers, Miss Nellie E. Dwyer, Miss Mary T. McGowan and Miss Agnes

O'Rourke, all graduates of the Castleton Normal School, in Districts No. 9, 8 and 7 respectively. We are pleased to report that the teachers are all doing conscientious and painstaking work. The Insurance carried on School property is as follows:—High School, \$10,000; No.'s 6, 8 and 9, \$500 each, and No. 7, \$4500. We have drawn the following orders to date:—

Orders Drawn By Present Board.

1903.	No.		
Mar.	5	543 Edward Walsh, janitor.....	\$ 37 50
	13	544 H. H. Brown, treasurer, No. 36....	888 86
		545 E. N. Northrop, bill of paper.....	3 40
		546 The Tuttle Co., supplies.....	13 30
		547 Hubert Cline, sawing wood No. 6..	3 50
	23	548 Warren Eddy, building fires No 8..	7 00
	30	549 J. F. Mumford, taking census.....	27 78
		550 A. N. Rainville & Co., printing....	1 50
		551 Thomas Battles, building fires dist. 6,	5 70
Apr.	2	552 Edward Walsh, janitor.....	37 50
		553 W. W. Felt, labor district 21.....	2 00
	11	554 Thomas Burke, wood district No. 21	82 50
	13	555 Jay Cook, wood.....	27 50
	20	556 J. L. Hammett Co., supplies.....	82 75
		557 The Tuttle Co., books and supplies.	26 38
May	4	558 H. H. Brown, treasurer, pay roll No.	37.....
		559 Vt. Marble Co., coal and wood dist. 7	743 39
	25	560 H. H. Brown, treas., pay roll No. 38	58 50
	29	561 Thomas Burke, wood dist. 21.....	743 39
June	5	562 Fred. Briggs, cutting wood dist. 8..	31 25
		563 Ginn & Co., books.....	1 00
	9	564 T. B. Wheeler, supplies.....	10 42
	22	565 Fred Raymond, wood.....	9 01
July	1	566 Cahee & Spencer, chairs dist. 21....	34 50
		567 Leavenworth & Green, maps.....	9 68
		568 J. L. Hammett Co., supplies.....	30 00
		569 The Tuttle Co., supplies.....	6 11
		570 G. W. Pratt & Co., supplies.....	4 38
		571 Silver, Burditt & Co., books.....	10 23
		572 M. Kennedy, wood dist. 21.....	60 94
		573 H. H. Brown treas. pay roll No. 39.	10 00
	2	574 James Leamy agent, freight.....	747 89
	6	575 Whipple Mills, wood dist. 9.....	2 40
	16	576 R. Dwyer, supplies.....	1 50
		577 T. J. Battles, building fires dist. 6..	2 60
			5 80

1903.	No.		
Aug.	1	578 Edward Walsh, janitor.....	37 50
	17	579 S. E. Smith, coal dists. 7 and 21....	161 24
		580 James Quinn, raising flag in dist. 7.	2 00
		581 Fred Briggs, sawing wood dist. 8..	75
		582 E. N. Northrop, supplies.....	5 10
	31	583 Levins & Sullivan, insurance dist. 21	41 00
		584 Eagle Pencil Co., supplies.....	35 25
Sept.	2	585 Edward Walsh, janitor.....	37 50
	23	586 C. D. Powers, slab wood.....	16 25
Oct.	3	587 Geo. Hutchins, labor school building	3 25
	6	588 H. H. Brown, treas. pay roll No. 40,	735 84
		589 J. W. Harte, wood.....	5 00
		590 Silver, Burdett & Co., books.....	44 29
		591 James Leamy agent, freight.....	7 44
	15	592 Wm. A. Watters, labor.....	1 00
	17	593 Wm. Kerrigan, labor dist. 7.....	4 20
	30	594 J. L. Hammett Co., supplies.....	25 26
		595 Vt. Marble Co., pipe and fittings...	4 00
		596 H. A. Sawyer Co., pencil sharpeners,	10 00
Nov.	3	597 Hines & Noble, books.....	10 49
		598 Chas. Pelkey, sawing wood dist. 8..	1 00
		599 Ginn & Co., books.....	46 83
		600 H. H. Brown, treas. pay roll No. 41,	747 94
		601 The Tuttle Co., supplies.....	16 85
	18	602 Vt. Marble Co., coal and wood....	68 50
		603 Stoddard M'fg. Co., windows, dist.	No. 7.....
			65 88
	25	604 James Leamey agent, freight.....	2 97
	30	605 Jay Cook, wood.....	130 00
		606 H. H. Brown, treas. pay roll No. 42,	747 94
Dec.	1	607 Frank Conniff, labor dist. No. 7...	18 00
	18	608 H. H. Brown, Treas., payroll No. 43	549 13
		609 The Tuttle Co., supplies.....	29 10
		610 Vermont Marble Co., coal, etc.....	39 75
		611 J. L. Hammett Co., supplies.....	14 73
		612 Rand, McNally & Co., supplies....	5 33
1904.			
Jan.	2	613 Edward Walsh, janitor.....	37 50
	6	614 George Fish, wood districts 21 and 6	29 81
	11	615 A. N. Palmer, writing books.....	13 50
		616 W. A. Thrall, supplies.....	42
		617 L. G. Kingsley, supplies.....	7 50
	16	618 M. Newton, wood District No. 21..	58 19
		619 John O'Rourke, wood Dist. No. 21.	40 50

1904.	No.		
	620	W. O'Rourke, sawing wood Dist. 6.	1 25
	621	C. Pelkey, sawing wood Dist. 8 and 9	3 00
Feb.	2 622	Edward Walsh, janitor.....	37 50
	4 623	C. Pelkey, sawing wood Dist. 8 and 9	1 75
	624	H. H. Brown, Treas., payroll No. 44	709 77
	5 625	H. H. Brown, supplies.....	21 68
	8 626	Nellie E. Dwyer, error in payroll...	2 00
	627	Mary T. McGowan, error in payroll	2 67
	628	J. L. Hammett Co., supplies.....	14 50
			\$ 8,423 01

The above may be classified approximately as follows:

Teachers' salaries.....	\$ 6,393 82
Janitors' salaries.....	450 00
Fuel.....	794 99
Books.....	212 35
Supplies.....	365 81
Repairs, etc.....	165 04
Insurance.....	41 00

\$ 8,423 01

J. E. BURKE,	} School Direct- ors.
T. R. CARTY,	
W. W. WHEELER,	

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

To the School Directors and Citizens of West Rutland:

Since I have been appointed to supervise the schools in town, which was in the fore part of November, I have visited each school twice, spending from two to three hours in each room. I

find that the schools are in very good shape as to comfort and other conditions.

No. 7, which was always an eyesore, is fully as well provided for as No. 21, and in fact the rooms are better adapted for teaching purposes than any other building in town. You have an excellent staff of efficient teachers, all of whom are doing good work. There are employed in town at present, twenty teachers, including the music teacher; and I will say that vocal music is quite an addition to our town system. I don't know of any thing or lesson our children take more pleasure in.

Teachers in districts—21, ten; 7, six; 6, 8 and 9, one each.

As the rooms in the graded school in No. 21 are crowded, so as to cause very much inconvenience, particularly so in the grammar and high school departments; teachers are obliged to use the stairs for recitation rooms.

Now, gentlemen, I would recommend for your consideration the advisability of building another schoolhouse or erecting an addition to the graded school.

EDWARD McCORMICK,

Superintendent.

Edward McCormick, Supt. of Schools:

I herewith submit my report of the High School Department of the town schools.

The number of high school pupils is now the largest in the history of the institution. Three years ago the number of real high school pupils was seventeen, last year it was twenty-eight; we now have forty-nine. It is thought that next year there will be about sixty-five scholars. If the enrollment is as large as that, the present high school room must be enlarged or some other place provided.

What we most need in the high school is to have something done whereby the capacity of the present ventilating system may be increased. No pupil can do his best work in poor air.

The future prospects of our school are very encouraging.

Very respectfully submitted,

F. W. CARRIER,

Principal of the High School,

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT.

Year ending February 15, 1904.

General Account.

RECEIPTS.

Balance (see report 1903).....	\$ 253 27
J. L. Bacon, State Treasurer, Huntington fund	107 42
" " State school apportionment, ...	951 63
" " highway distribution	216 99
Taxes from taxpayers, 1903	18,116 86
" A. G. Dodge, collector	377 66
" H. M. Shanahan "	171 26
" E. J. McCarthy, "	55 00
Warrants from collectors	7 10
P. F. O'Neil agent, liquor sales	234 26
for bottles and casks	80 86
F. W. Carrier, tuition and books	77 43
L. P. Holt, town clerk, dog license account	127 50
Selectmen, rent from O'Connell place	12 00
Received for 2 first class liquor licenses	2,000 00
" 1 second class liquor license	300 00
Geo. Brown, justice fines and costs	196 71
N. Weeks " "	8 01
W. W. Wilkins, " "	19 00
Selectmen on Dan Childs order	6 50

\$ 23,319 46

DISBURSEMENTS.

School directors' orders	\$ 8,423 01
Selectmen's orders including poor account	4,934 65
Interest on above orders	79 20
J. L. Bacon state treasurer, state school tax	1,343 93
" highway tax	839 96
" 1/2 of liquor licenses	1,150 00
" 1/2 of liquor fines	12 50
Road commissioner's orders	2,475 13
H. F. Fiel, county treasurer, county tax	332 93
Treasurer library association	304 36

Treasurer's 1 per cent. fees, 1903	181 16
Warrants issued to collector	10 30
Justice Geo Brown's orders	411 96
" N. Week's "	3 01
" W. W. Wilkins "	43 34
Bond No. 25 at P. T. Co., interest and premium	1,026 64
Interest on bonds at P. T. Company	876 46
Balance in treasury	870 92
	\$ 23,319 46

Town School Account.

RECEIPTS.

Selectmen's division public money, ...	\$ 1,161 56
Taxpayers	6,628 13
A. G. Dodge, collector	138 17
E. J. McCarthy, "	20 12
H. M. Shanahan, "	61 65
Tuition, Mr. Carrier	69 83
Text books, Mr. Carrier	7 60
Transferred from general account	335 95
	\$ 8,423 01

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid school director's orders	\$ 8,423 01
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Electric Light Account.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand (see report 1903)	\$82 29
Taxpayers	1,914 79
A. G. Dodge, collector	39 92
H. M. Shanahan, "	20 55
E. J. McCarthy, "	5 81

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid selectmen's orders	\$ 1,952 58
Balance on hand	110 78 2,063 36

Road Commissioner's Account.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand (see report 1903)	\$ 357 68
Taxpayers	2,945 83

A. G. Dodge, collector.....	61 41
H. M. Shanahan, ".....	27 41
E. J. McCarthy, ".....	8 95
State highway apportionment.....	216 99

DISBURSEMENTS.

20 per cent t'sf'd to sidewalk account.....	\$ 652 12
Paid commissioner's orders.....	2,475 13
Balance on hand.....	491 02
	\$ 3,618 27

Sidewalk account.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand (see report 1903).....	2 88
20 per cent. highway fund.....	652 12
	\$ 655 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid selectmen's orders.....	360 22
Balance on hand.....	\$ 294 78

Dog License Account.

Received from town clerk for licenses.....	\$ 127 50
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DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Selectmen's orders.....	68 80
Balance on hand.....	\$ 58 70

Library Account.

RECEIPTS.

Taxpayers.....	\$ 294 59
A. G. Dodge, collector.....	6 14
H. Shanahan, ".....	2 74
E. J. McCarthy, ".....	89
	\$ 304 36
Paid to treasurer library association.....	\$ 304 36

Statement of Taxes for Year 1903.

Total amount on tax book.....	\$ 19,600 86
Payments.....	\$ 18,116 86

Four per cent. discount to taxpayers.....	754 86
Abatements.....	39 11
Balance unpaid.....	690 03
	\$ 19,600 86

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

Tax Book 1902.

Amount of taxes uncollected Feb. 16, 1903.....	\$ 580 20
Amount collected.....	\$171 26
Amount abated.....	10 00
Balance uncollected.....	\$ 398 94

H. M. SHANAHAN, Collector.

West Rutland, Vt., Feb. 9, 1904.

Tax Book 1903.

Amount of taxes uncollected on the tax book when received from the treasurer.....	\$ 690 03
Am't collected and paid town treasurer.....	\$377 66
Amount abated.....	29 83
Balance uncollected.....	\$ 282 54

A. G. DODGE, Collector.

West Rutland, Vt., Feb. 9, 1903.

Amount collected on book 1899.....	\$ 29 25
" " 1900.....	15 33
" " 1901.....	21 67

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We have examined the accounts of your various town officers

and find them correct. The financial condition of the town is as follows:

Reg. 3½ per cent. bonds.....	\$ 24,000 00
U. S. surplus fund.....	5,678 74
	<u>\$ 29,678 74</u>

RESOURCES.

Cash in treasury.....	\$ 870 92
Due on tax book 1898.....	224 24
“ 1899.....	184 55
“ 1900.....	253 20
“ 1901.....	480 18
“ 1902.....	398 94
“ 1903.....	282 54
One road machine.....	250 00
One snow plow.....	50 00
Town Hall, as appraised.....	200 00
Town farm.....	2,680 00
Personal property at farm.....	1,100 00
	<u>6,974 57</u>
	<u>\$ 22,704 17</u>

SCHOOL PROPERTY.

District No. 21.....	\$ 12,000 00
“ 6.....	220 00
“ 7.....	4,850 00
“ 8.....	150 00
“ 9.....	160 00
	<u>17,380 00</u>
Net liabilities.....	<u>\$ 5,324 17</u>

JOHN E. WALSH,
T. B. WHEELER, } Auditors.
T. A. MULLANY, }

LICENSE COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

In compliance with law we herewith submit our report.
Commissioners qualified March 14, 1903. The first meeting

of the Board of License Commissioners was held March 16th and organized by electing John Nolan chairman. We have held forty-nine meetings to date, February 5, as follows:

March 16, 21, 23, 25; April 17, 20, 27; May 23; June 2, 23, 26, 27, 30; July 14, 21, 28; August 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 15, 20, 24, 27; September 8, 15, 22, 27; October 6, 8, 13, 20; November 3, 10, 24; December 1, 15, 29; January 5, 9, 12, 19, 22, 26; February 2, 5.

Total number of applications received, 6; licenses granted, 3, as follows: P. F. O'Neil, application No. 5, first class; P. F. O'Neil, application No. 6, second class; G. H. O'Dell, application No. 3, first class.

In all cases where reasonable information was furnished the commissioners relating to illegal selling in any unlicensed place or in any way, the same was investigated at once, with the advice of the State's attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN NOLAN, } License
H. C. BLOOMER, } Commis-
J. H. GAFFNEY, } sioners.

LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

H. H. Brown, Treasurer, In Account with West Rutland Library Ass'n.

1903.	Cr.		
Feb. 19	By balance.....	\$ 210 47	
Oct. 1	Cash received from town treasurer.....	304 36	
	“ “ librarian.....	4 37	
		<u>\$ 519 20</u>	

1903.	Dr.		
April 15	Paid order S. E. Smith, coal....	\$ 7 96	
May 7	“ Henry Johnson, rent..	25 00	
16	“ Nellie Newton, salary..	16 66	
	“ “ “ ..	8 33	
	“ Geo. E. Chalmers, books	78 63	
Aug. 26	“ Nellie Newton, salary..	8 33	

Aug.	26	Paid order	Nellie Newton, salary.	8	33	
		"	"	8	33	
Sept.	25	"	Henry Johnson, rent..	25	00	
Oct.	25	"	Geo. E. Chalmers, books	35	33	
	14	"	Nellie Newton, salary.	16	66	
	23	"	E. N. Northop, mdse..	2	75	
Nov.	3	"	Jos. Prenevost, wood..	1	75	
	27	"	S. E. Smith, coal.....	3	25	
Dec.	18	"	G. W. Pratt & Co., stove	16	20	
	23	"	Nellie Newton, salary..	8	33	
1904.						
Jan.	27	"	S. E. Smith, coal.....	6	50	
Feb.	9	"	R. Dwyer, wood.....	2	00	
	12	"	Vt. Marble Co., lights.	30	00	
		"	S. E. Smith, coal.....	3	25	
		"	Nellie Newton, salary.	16	66	
		"	"	8	33	337 58
Feb.	15.	Balance in treasury.....	\$	181	62	

Librarian's Report.

During the year 140 volumes have been added to the library by purchase, and 12 volumes have been presented by friends, making an addition of 152 volumes.

There are now 1650 volumes in the library. The circulation of books for the past year has been 6,000. The reading tables have been supplied with the best magazines and papers.

Cash received from fines and from the sale of catalogues \$11.45. Of this \$7.08 has been expended for needed supplies, and the balance, \$4.37, has been turned into the treasury.

N. H. NEWTON, Librarian.

TRUANCY.

As truant officer I first made it my business to visit every school, and find out from the teachers those children who were habitual truants, and then visited their dwelling places and found out from their parents the cause of their being absent from school,

which was in most cases sickness. The parents always seemed inclined to help me. The teachers also gave me much aid. There were about three tough truants in town, but I believe all of them were got to school.

EDWARD McCORMICK.

GRAND LIST \$16,560.91.

NOTICE.

The legal voters in Town Meeting of the town of West Rutland, Vt., are hereby warned to meet at Campbell's Rink on Tuesday, the 1st day of March, A. D. 1904, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following matters, to wit:

1. To choose all necessary town officers required by law.
2. To see if the town will vote to raise the 20 per cent. highway tax as required by law.
3. To see if the town will vote a State highway tax of 5 cents on the dollar, as required by law.
4. To see if the town will vote to appropriate 20 per cent of the highway fund for the sidewalks.
5. To see if the town will vote a State school tax of 8 cents on the dollar, as required by law.
6. To see if the town will vote a tax of 2 cents on the dollar to defray the expenses of the library and for the purchase of new books.
7. To see if the town will vote money to pay the current expenses and indebtedness of the town.
8. To see if the town will vote to give the constables the jurisdiction of the State in serving criminal processes.
9. To see if the town will vote a tax to defray the expenses of electric lights.
10. To see if the town will vote to pay all taxes direct to the town treasurer as required by law.
11. To see if the town will vote to appropriate money for observance of Memorial day.
12. Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?
13. To see if the town will vote an appropriation for the West Rutland band.
14. To see if the town will vote to abate the tax on the real estate of P. F. Mullin for the year 1903, to the amount of \$14.17. The same being the amount in excess of what it would have been if levied on the amount paid for property.
15. To transact any other necessary and legal business.

GEO. C. ROBINSON, }
W. J. FLEMING, } Selectmen.
RODGER DWYER, }

West Rutland, Vt., February 16, 1904.